

to our country, our church and our God!
 "The need is great!" "The time is short!" "Every day is doomsday!"
 "To delay is suicidal, to falter is sin."

"A sacred burden is this life ye bear,
 Look on it, lift it, bear it solemnly,
 Stand up and walk beneath it steadfastly,
 Fail not for sorrow, falter not for sin,
 But onward and upward, till the goal ye win."

Sisters' Society C. E.

To the S. S. C. E.

It becomes necessary for the first time since traveling among the Ohio churches to report one that is without a society. The eleven churches from Georgetown to Glenford, have each a sisters' organization, tho one has not yet reached the full stature of an S. S. C. E., but is still a youthful L. A. S.

Mt. Zion, the next church in line from Glenford, has broken the S. S. C. E. chain, that I was hopeful could be made to extend entire thru the circle of the Ohio churches. It isn't altogether from choice that they are not within the realm of our banded workers, but my coming there occurred at a rainy time, when the showers fell with unusual vehemence and the deep voice of thunder rolled over the hills until that rugged country seemed actually beautiful. No meetings, but sister Jennie Palmer promises to carry out a part of the work by collecting for the Washington building and sending it thru the Glenford S. S. C. E. This is the nearest church to theirs, thirty miles, and brother J. M. Bowman preaches for them occasionally.

Following this we rejoice to report a brand new organization at Brother Ross' church, Fairview, which is sixty miles in a western direction from Mt. Zion. It is a former charge of Brother Tombaugh's who was then visiting in the community, and his influence at the meeting, Monday night, as he commended the work to the people, helped greatly in effecting an organization. Twenty five joined the same evening, fourteen names from the sister's side of the house and eleven from the men's side. A good part of these are young people. The material for a society of this kind is most excellent, we can look forward to a good strong organization at Fairview, if they'll but yield to the prompting of the call to duty. The S. S. C. E. collection amounted to \$4.09.

Tuesday morning I again went sixty miles still farther westward and came to the lovely city of Dayton, finding them all well and happy in Brother Copp's home. They are praising God for the narrow escape they had Saturday night, from the great fire that consumed the planing mill and lumber yard, directly back of Brother Copp's home.

I was glad to find the sisters organized and working together, but sorry it was not under the S. S. C. E. instead of the Ladies' Aid Society. The meeting with the Dayton congregation was an exceedingly pleasant one, the audience fairly large and very responsive, but in the absence of the president of their society, it was considered best to defer the

matter of changing the name until I return next Monday evening from Miamisburg.

In contrasting the two missions, Washington and Dayton, I find the prospects for a strong Brethren church are better here than at Washington. One need not be on the streets of this city long before noticing that it is a place of the Dunkard faith. Washington is far from being a home place for them. Here they have about thirty more members in the church than we have at Washington. Here they have also a better place of worship and less rent to pay than there. These differences ought not to discourage us for Washington, but inspire us to work the harder for a building there. The national S. S. C. E. expects to contribute for the support of the Dayton work, therefore the Ohio people can feel free to help in building the First Brethren church in our nation's capital.

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Dayton, Ohio.

HOW SHOULD THE S. S. C. E. USE ITS MONEY.

MRS. A. D. GNAGEY.

The judicious use of our funds is a matter of equal importance with that of raising funds for the society. A brotner in the western part of Pennsylvania who made \$45,000 in three years, and lost most of it in less time than he made it, said that any fool can make money, but to use it wisely requires a wisdom which is not of this world. The Sisters' Society of Christian Endeavor has demonstrated its ability both to raise money and use it judiciously.

The use of our money must be determined very largely by the needs of the several departments of our church work for which the money is raised. It will be in order therefore to determine first of all what our needs are, for it is a safe rule to spend our money where it is most needed and where it will do most good. What then is the greatest need of the church today. Humanly speaking, we say, and that not without due consideration, that the greatest need of the Brethren church today is a well established, well supported, educational institution, an institution in which young men and women may have all the advantages of thorough intellectual training under the influence of the Brethren church. Such a school we not only need, but must have. We say must have, for such is the truth. If the Brethren church of the future is to be a factor in the religious world then she must have an educational institution for the training of her ministry. Without intending any reflection on the ministry of the Brethren church of today it must be said that it is growing very little in strength. It is doubtful, whether, of those now in active service, there are a bare half dozen more ministers in the Brethren church than there were ten years ago. We cannot hope to replenish our ministry without a well supported, well endowed institution of learning where modern advantages are offered to young people who expect to prepare themselves for professional life. If Ashland college would

today have an endowment of \$100,000 for the support of a strong faculty, it would soon become an educational center, and from it there would go out such an influence that would enthuse the entire church with a missionary spirit, a spirit of evangelization, a power such as the church has never yet dreamed of within her own borders. I can conceive of no higher service the sisters can possibly render the church and the Master, than to bend all their strength to the building up of a strong, well equipped institution of learning. No other work will tell so gloriously for the future of the church as that which looks to her educational interests. In no other way can the sisters extend their influence and make it felt so powerfully, in no other way can they create for themselves a place in the future of the church, and endear themselves to the hearts of thousands who in generations to come will rise up and call them blessed as by giving their support to the founding of a strong educational institution.

Until the church has such an institution all our missionary efforts must of necessity be very much crippled. We must train men and women for missionary work. If today we had \$100,000 for missionary work we could do nothing in the foreign field that would be strictly Brethren, for we have neither the men nor the women to do such work. The highest, the noblest, the most enduring work any one can do for the Brethren church today is to do something that will give her an educational center, a center from which will go out well-developed, consecrated intellects. We must have a school. There is positively no future for the Brethren church unless we do have one. The church must train her own ministers.

It is my honest conviction that the sisters should devote all their means to the support of such a school. The trustees propose to raise \$50,000 as an endowment on easy plan, and of this the sisters can easily take \$10,000. Every society in the church should take at least one of the one hundred dollar pledges, and some societies could easily take two or three. One pledge would mean \$6.00 per year, two pledges \$12.00 and so on. We need to concentrate our efforts upon one thing, and let us do that one thing right. We are too weak to divide our means and accomplish much. If for the next five or ten years our Society should use its means solely for the one purpose of building up a strong healthy educational institution, thru it the power of our influence would reach the ends of the brotherhood, and the church would be made to feel the mighty impulse that would go out from our educational center. Will we do it? Scattered forces means defeat, united effort means victory. The noblest, the highest, the worthiest service any one person or any society can render the Brethren church at this time is to give strength and power and vigor and life and permanence to its educational institution. Let us be wise and help establish and sustain this institution.